

## BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

S.B. 747  
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### BACKGROUND

Students who were enrolled in the Reynaldo G. Garza School of Law are presently unable to take the bar exam and be licensed to practice law in Texas because the school did not attain accreditation. Presently there are eighteen students who would benefit by an extension of time to prepare for the bar exam. This would give these eighteen students a final opportunity to fulfill the requirements necessary to obtain a license to practice law.

### PURPOSE

As enrolled, S.B. 747 permits certain graduates of the Reynaldo G. Garza School of Law to take the examination for a license to practice law in this state.

### RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 82B, Government Code, by adding Section 82.0241, as follows:

Sec. 82.0241. GARZA SCHOOL OF LAW: TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) A person who was enrolled in the Garza School of Law before June 1, 1989, who satisfies the law study requirements for taking the bar examination before June 1, 1993, may not be denied licensing solely on the basis of having graduated from that school.

(b) Requires the Garza School of Law to send written notice of this temporary provision to each person who was enrolled at the school at any time during the period beginning September 1, 1985, and ending June 1, 1989.

(c) Provides that this section expires June 1, 1993.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 82B, Government Code, by adding Section 82.0241, effective June 1, 1993, as follows:

Sec. 82.0241. UNACCREDITED SCHOOLS OF LAW. Provides that all matters relating to licensing of persons who were enrolled at unaccredited schools of law in this state are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.